

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2172

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USCINCEUR

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINS, UG

SUBJECT: AMIN FEARS ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE

1. OVER PAST WEEK AMIN HAS MADE REPEATED REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE ( SEE KAMPALA 969) OR OVERTHROW OF HIS REGIME. ON UNLIKELY OCCASION OF SPEECH AT SWEARING IN ON MARCH 16 OF SEVERAL NEW GOU APPOINTEES, INCLUDING NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR OF MAKERERE, WANDERA, AMIN DEVOTED MOST OF SPEECH TO PLEDGE THAT HE WOULD HAND OVER GOVERNMENT PEACEFULLY IF OVERTHROWN. EVEN IF OVERSEAS, HE SAID, HE WOULD COME BACK IMMEDIATELY TO TRANSFER GOVERNMENT AND PLAN NO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST NEW REGIME. AMIN MADE SIMILAR PITCH ON MARCH 18 WHEN ADDRESSING TROOPS AT MALIRE. HE SAID AGAIN THAT HE WOULD HAND OVER PEACEFULLY AND WOULD NOT BE SUBVERSIVE. EXPLAINED HE WOULD PUT HIMSELF AT NEW LEADER' S MERCY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO IMPRISON OR KILL HIM. GENERAL ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE FEARS NOTHING BECAUSE NO LEADER TO COME AFTER HIM WILL EVER ACCOMPLISH AS MANY GREAT THINGS AS HE HAS.

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2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED KAMPALA 971, SENIOR GOU OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT, CONTRARY TO OUTWARD APPEARANCES, AMIN LIVES IN CONSTANT FEAR. ON STRENGTH OF ABOVE RECENT STATEMENTS, THIS APPEARS TO BE CASE. HIS REPEATED REFERENCES TO POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION OR OVERTHROW, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OTHERS RECENTLY, MAY INDICATE THAT HE HAS INFORMATION TO THAT EFFECT. BUT HIS CONSTANT THEME, I. E., I WILL NOT CAUSE TROUBLE SO THERE' S NO NEED TO KILL ME, SEEMS TO INDICATE OVERRIDING FEAR. KEELEY

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